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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL SHRIMP EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

1. THE U.S. SHRIMP INDUSTRY EXPERIENCED SEVERE ECONOMIC REVERSALS DURING 1974 AS A RESULT OF INCREASING COSTS, A WEAK MARKET, AND AN OVERSUPPLY OF SHRIMP CAUSED BY HEAVY IMPORTS DURING LATE 1973 AND EARLY 1974.

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2. TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE DISTORTIONS IN THE SUPPLY OF SHRIMP TO THE U.S. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO DETERMINE THE CURRENT SITUATION IN FOREIGN SHRIMP FISHERIES. BECAUSE INDUSTRY-GOVERNMENT MARKETING PLANS ARE NOW BEING FINALIZED, IT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE THAT NMFS OBTAIN CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHRIMP EXPORT POTENTIAL OF ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1975 - WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION ON THE U.S. PORTION OF THOSE EXPORTS. "MARKETING PLANS" ABOVE REFERS TO U.S. IND.-GOV. PLANS.

3. CURRENT INFORMATION IS SKETCHY, AND THERE IS SOME CONFUSION ABOUT THE ABILITY OF THE U.S. INDUSTRY TO IMPORT SHRIMP FROM ABOVE COUNTRIES. EARLY REPORTS RECEIVED FROM GUYANA AND PANAMA INDICATE A DECLINE IN PRODUCTION, BUT CURRENT INFORMATION ON CATCHES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE

YEAR IS NOT KNOWN.

4. SINCE SUFFICIENT POTENTIAL SHRIMP IMPORT INFORMATION IS NOT NOW AVAILABLE ON WHICH TO BASE OUR PROGRAM PLANS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING:

A. AN INDICATION OF WHETHER SHRIMP CATCHES IN EARLY 1975 WERE UP OR DOWN; IF DOWN, WHAT WAS THE CAUSE?

B. BEST ESTIMATE ON CURRENT FROZEN SHRIMP INVENTORIES.

C. ANTICIPATED 1975 LANDINGS.

D. PROSPECTS FOR EXPORTS OF SHRIMP TO THE UNITED STATES.

5. FOR NEW DELHI ONLY: NMFS APPRECIATES THE EXCELLENT FOUR PAGE REPORT ON THE SHRIMP INDUSTRY IN INDIA. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED INSIGHT INTO THE CAUSES OF FLUCTUATING SHIPMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES AND ALERTED US TO POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

6. TO ENABLE NMFS TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO INDUSTRY WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE DECLASSIFICATION OF ALL OR EVEN PART OF THE REPORT. NMFS UNDERSTANDS THAT PARAGRAPH UNCLASSIFIED

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7. ALSO, PLEASE ELABORATE ON THE EXPECTED 50 PERCENT DECLINE IN SHRIMP EXPORTS. NMFS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN REASONS FOR POOR FISHING, EFFECT OF INCREASES IN COSTS ON EXPORT SHIPMENTS, AND IMPACT OF CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE OF SHRIMP INDUSTRY ON EXPORTS OF SHRIMP. ANY INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE SUBJECTS WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

8. THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN AIRGRAM NO. A-123,  
NEW DELHI, DATED APRIL 4, 1975.

9. NMFS REFERS TO THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE,  
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